SPEIGHTS SPURNS OFFER OF BRIBE

Electrical Inspector Swears Out Warrant for Contractors' Agent

SUIT OF CLOTHES IF FIXTURES PASS

President Sands Says American Bank Has Already Ordered New Lights-Sands's Brother Had Original Contract for Electrical Fittings on New Building.

Leroy Speights, City Electrical Inspector, with a \$25 suit of clothes, William sentative of the H. S. Sands Electrical Company, of Wheeling, W. Va., was arrested in Murphy's Hotel yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeants Wren

rested in Murphy's Hotel yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeants Wren and Wiltsnire on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Speights himself.

The alleged attempted bribery 's in connection with the electric fixtures in the American National Bank Build'ng, which Mr. Speights declares Joanson asked him to approve and accept on the promise of a suit of clothes. The meeting Monday night, at which A. H. Apperson, electrical engineer for the Southeastern Underwriters' Association, was also present, occurred in Johnson's room at Murphy's Hotel, where the alleged bribery was attempted. Speights refused the offer, and yesterday morning communicated with E. D. Richardson, chairman of the Council Committee on Electricity, who, in turn, called on Mayor Richardson, laying the matter before the city's executive.

Mayor Acts Promptiv.

Mayor Richardson was prompt to act. He called in both Mr. Speights and Mr. Apperson, from whom he received a detailed account of Johnson's alleged improper advances. The Mayor then took the necessary steps to have Johnson arrested, looking up the law on the case and writing out a warrant to be followed as a guide. Mr. Speights went before Magistrate Wilbur Griggs, and the warrant was issued as follows: "I. J. Leroy Speights before W. J.

tors and Representatives in the State paired to police headquarters, where he communicated with Attorney Harry M. Smith, who will represent him is the preliminary hearing this morning. Johnson was then taken to the First police Station, where he remained with his attorney several hours before being able to arrange for bail, though a bondsman was prepared to act as security. Judge Witt is out of town, and Justice Crutchfield could not be found for some time. Judge Witt is adjucted that in felony cases no one shall grant ball but himself and Justice Crutchfield, though a judge of one of the other courts could have acted him to bail in the sum of \$500, with B. A. Ruffin as bondsman.

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The warrant does not charge that any approaches were made to Inspector Apperson, of the Underwriters' Association, and he appears only as a witness in the case. For many years the Code of Virginia has made it a felony to attempt to bribe a city official. In addition the Legislature of 1906, in the Acts of that year, chapter 266, passed what is known as the antigraft statute, providing a fine and imprisonment for any one convicted of making any such offer to a representative of a private concern, as well as to State and city officers.

Speights on the Job.

About a week ago, when several officials were inspecting the new quarters of the Business Men's Club, on the top floor of the American National Bank Building some question was raised as to how soon the electrical workers, who were hanging fixtures, could finish, so that the club could move in. A foreman at work on the job responded significantly:

"I can't tell how long it will take here, these inspectors are so particular,

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"I can't tell how long it will take here, these inspectors are so particular. In any Northern city we could give the inspector a \$5 bill and go on with the work. That's how we finish big the inspector a \$5 bill and go on with
the work. That's how we finish big
jobs in such short time up there, but
there is no telling when we will get
through here. Speights has raised a
row about several of the fixtures."
The foreman stated at the time that
the building was grounded 140 volts,
and that temporary wiring had been
run up one of the elevator shafts to
supply light to the offices which had
been rented.
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When Building Inspector Beck refused to permit the opening of the building without the erection of an outside fire escape, as is required by the Building Code, and in the permit issued for the erection of the building. (Continued on Sixth Page,)

Heads of Beef Trust



J. Ogden Armour, on top; beneath (on left), Edward Hilden and Edward Morris; Louis F. Swift next, and at bottom, Arthur Mecker (on left) and Charles H. Swift.

HAVE MAJORITIES IN BOTH BRANCHES

Democrats Safe in Their Control of Maine Legis-

CONGRESSMEN

Fourth District Still in Doubt, While Republicans Win

in First. plete returns from the vote for Sena tors and Representatives in the State

Will Roosevelt Dare!

New York September 15.—Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for President in 1904, took occasion again to-day to comment on the Democratic victory in Maine and on other (Continued on Seventh Page.)

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Company Wonld Build Up Hanover Avenue.

PERSONNEL OF NEW COMMITTEES

Presidents of Both Branches of City Council Announce Appointments-Alderman John Grimes Slate dfor Chairmanship of Committee on Light.

Through its president, W. S. Forbes. the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company last night presented to the over Marshall Street was more than half finished, which is considered an assurance that the company will com-

nesurance that the company will complete that undertaking during this year. At the last meeting of the Council the Virginia Railway and Power Company asked for an extension in the West End, and the new road thinks that the two should be considered together. The potition states that the request would have been made some time before, but for the fact that the company was forced to prove by work aiready done its ability to carry out its original scheme. In the consummation of the plans outlined in the petition, the city is asked to allow the new road the use of certain lines of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, unless it is te wish placed along streets where the ole company is maintain; gear lines. The general plan is much similar to that of the old company presented to the last meeting of the Common Council. Both papers have been referred to the last meeting of the Common Council. Both papers have been referred to the last meeting of the Common Council and the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Street, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Street, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Street; where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, where the present line enters broad, the extension of the line return of the present line enters broad, the extension goes west along Broad Streets, thence a double track of the virginia Railway and Power Company where necessary.

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ments, and the committees will be called together as soon as possible by City Clerk Ben T. August for organ-ization and the election of chairmen.

the Board also made his announcements, while the House will have
eighty-eight Democrats and sixtythree Republican members.

The last Legislature consisted of 122
Republicans and 80 Democrats, the Republicans having a majority of 15 in
the Senate and 47 in the House.

Practically complete returns to-night
to the vote of the State for Governor
gave Colonel Frederick w. Plalsted,
to pemocrat, 73,544, and Governor Bert M.
Fernald, Republican, 64,912, a nurallty for Colonel Plaisted of 8,732, as
against a plurality of \$,064 for Governor William T. Cobb, Republican, four
years ago.

The Total Vote,
The total vote of the two leading
parties yesterday was 130,799.

Doubt still existed to-night regarding the Fourth Congressional District,
Congressman Frank E. Guernsoy, of
Dover, the Republican candidate, and
George M. Hanson, of Calais, Democrat,
each claiming victory by a small plutrailty.

In the First District Asher C. Hunds,
Republican, is elected by a plurality of
about 700 over William H. Pounell,
Democrat, and will occupy the seat in
Congress one held by Thomas R. Reed.

The Second and Third Districts will
have Democratic Congressmen, as was
shown by the returns last night: D. J.
McGillieuddy, of Lewiston, succeeding
Congressman John P. Swassey, Republican, in the district which Nelson Dingley, of Dingley tarine fame, formerly
represented, while Samuel W. Gould, of
Skowhegan, will be successor to Congressman Edward Burleigh, Republican, who has represented the Third
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Committees Announced.

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Indicted by U. S. Jury NEW LINE SEEKS MINORITY ACTION WEST END OUTLET WHOLLY LAWLESS

> Richmond and Henrico Worst Methods of Ward Politics Followed at Minneapolis.

> > THAT IS OPINION OF "MAJORITY"

Six Republican Members of Ballinger Investigating Committee Meet and Denounce Recent Report Which Called for Ousting of Secretary. Condemns Its Authors.

publican members of the Ballinger in vestigating committee met to-day and Board of Aldermen a petition asking issued a statement condemning the action of trackage in the West End. The attention of the Board was called to the four Democratic members and the one Republican Insurgent was called to the fact that the request
was not made until after the viaduct
over Marshall Street was more than

plete that undertaking during this gressmen McCall, Olmsted and Denby year. At the last meeting of the They declared the action of what they

"The roport of the committee cannot be made until December 5, when Congress meets and the meeting called for September 5 was for the purpose of considering and discussing what the report to be made three months therefore, no haste or pressure for time. The action of the Democratic minority in taking temporary advantage of the delay of some members in reaching the meeting was an effort to substitute a prearranged scheme for the orderly deliberations and discussions which the duty of the committee requires.

For Political Purposes.

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"The pretended adoption of a report by a political minority and its publication, as if it were the report of a committee, exhibited a willingness to sacrfice the rights and injure the reputations of the officers investigated in order to obtain a supposed party advantage in the pending political campaign. We cannot reconcile such a course with our sense of justice and of our duty."

School Superintendent Draws Knife on Trustee

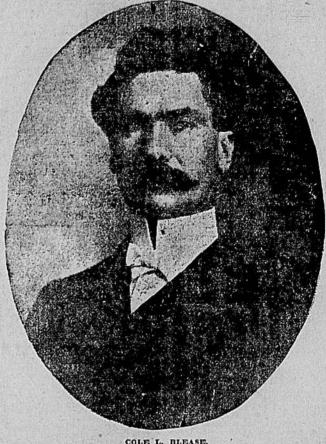
Draws Knite on Trustee

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newport News, Va., September 13.
—Division Superintendent of Schools Willis A. Jenkins, of this city, tonight tried to draw a knife on School Trustee E. W. Huffman, during a row in the meeting of the Board of School Trustees over the election of a teacher in the city schools.

The superintendent first tried to attack the trustee with his fists, but was dragged back in his seat by Trustees C. V. Cosby and J. P. Harrison. Breaking away from the trustees, the Superintendent ran his hand in his pocket and pulled out a small penkanic and started toward Golonel Huffman. Trustee Cosby grabbed Jenkins from behind, pinloned his arms and took the knife away from him.

The incident caused the greatest excitement in the meeting, and Colonel Huffman warned the superintendent that he would have to pay for drawing the knife. The row started over the certificate of Miss Mary Tinder, of Gordonaville, who has been elected a teacher in the schools by the committee on rules and regulations.

WINS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



HARD BLOW IS DEALT TO PROHIBITIONISTS

WHITE CHAMPION OF AEROPLANISTS LOCAL OPTION IS FAVORED

He Wins Four First Places, Cole L. Blease Wins in Second Three Seconds and \$22,100.

Boston, Mass., September 13 .flying a Farman biplane and Bleriot menoplane, both equipped with a French motor, proved himself the champion of the first annual Harvardnine days' competition to-night, naving won the blue rioson event of the meet, the Boston Globe prize of \$10,-000, for his harbor flight to Boston Light and return. He took altogether four first places and three seconds in different events, winning \$22,100 in prize meney.

prize money.
While the regular competitors for While the regular competitors for prizes ended to-night, the management will continue the exhibition through two days more, offering substantial prizes for new world's records, Glenn H. Curtiss, who secured a fast motor for his Hudson River fiyer too late to contest White's rights to the Globe's \$10,000, has challenged the

which netted him \$1,900, while Brocking took in \$4,130 on two first places and sone second.

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'State-Wide" Candidate for Gov-

ernor Is Defeated in South

Primary After Hard Fight.

Returns at Midnight Show Blease Victory

SECOND DISTRICT CONTEST TO BE INVESTIGATED

Subcommittee Appoint led to Take Testimony and Submit a Report on October 4.

YOUNG DARES HIS OPPONENT TO FULL HEARING

His Counsel Throws Down Gauntlet, Which Is Accepted by Maynard Forces-Resolutions Presented From Counties and Cities-Appointment of Subcommittee Moved by Maynard Man, and Is Unopposed Body Organizes at Once and Will Begin Work Within a Few Days.

Appointed to Investigate

R. L. Allworth, Eastville.
Clyde W. Saunders, Richmond.
A. R. Morris, Sexton.
D. A. Nicholson, Rocky Mount.
Henry P. Adams, Lynchburg.
W. E. Carson, Riverton.
R. A. McIntire, Warrenton.
B. Frank Buchanan, Marion.
Edward Echols, Staunton.

Without a dissenting voice the Democratic State Committee last night named the above committee, composed of a member from each congressional district in the State excepting the Second, to conduct a "full, free and fair investigation" of the primary election of August 23, when William A Young was declared nominated on the face of the returns over Representative Harry Lee Maynard.

The fact that an investigation would be had was settled before the committee met. Many conferences were held throughout the day, while members were seen as fast as they arrived in the city. It soon became evident that there was a general disposition to give the people of the Second District all the lavestigation they wanted, and there remained but the details of the pinn and the formal consent of the central body.

However, the result was not accom-

Columbia, S. C., September 13.—
Midaight returns in the State and congressional contests give:
For Governor—Blease, 49,787;
Featherstone, 45,877.
For Adjutant-General—Moore, 63,-354; Richardson, 29,074.
For Railroad Commissioner—Hampton, 45,419; Cansier, 23,958.
For Congress: Second District—Patterson, incumbent, 5,718; Byrnes, 5,678.
Sixth District—Ellerbe, incumbent, 7,758; Hodges, 6,678.

Columbia, S. C., September 13.—With over 33,000 votes out of probabily 110,000 votes accounted for, returns from the second Democratic primary indicate the election of Colo L. Blease, of Newberry, for Governor by a small majority over C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, W. W. Moore, of Barnwell, is safely in the lead for Adjutant-General.
For Railroad Commissioner, G. McDuffle Hampton, of Columbia, holds a 4,000 lead over James Cansier, of Tirzah.
In the Second Congressional District in the Lagend Congressional District in the Lead for Adjutant-General.
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